

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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ADDENDUM #1 INVITATION FOR BID #10-34

ANNUAL – GRASS CUTTING & TRIMMING, REMOVAL OF LEAVES, MULCHING AND PRUNING OF SHRUBS

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions from Pre-bid Meeting.**

Q1. Hours of Operation?

A1. Please refer to page 41, section 4, paragraph a.

Q2. How about the sites with 11 cuts?

A2. The quantities are based on our present fiscal year grass-mowing contract. Grass mowing has not been a problem at these sites.

Q3. How do you deal with clumping?

A3. Angier is a compacted site - every 3 weeks is not a problem, frequencies can be changed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this IFB/Contract. Clumping, if it occurs, will be dealt with it on an individual basis. If the contractor notices clumping, they are to call Derek Mannion, Parks & Recreation department to view the site. At that point a determination to re-mow or not re-mow the site will be made. The contractor will be paid for the additional mowing.

Q4. Which sites are irrigated?

A4. There are 20 sites irrigated and they are: City Hall (partial), Millenium Park, Newton Main Library, Bowen Park/Bowen School, Burr Park, Cabot Park (partial), Forte Park, Franklin School, Lincoln Warren Playground, Lower Falls Community Center, Nahanton Park, New Cold Springs, Newton Highlands (football field only), Newton South High School, Oak Hill Middle School, Russ Halloran Athletic Complex, Underwood School (partial), Warren House, Weeks Park and Zervas School.

Q5. Were alternates from last contract done? If so, which ones?

A5. Alternates 1, 2, & 3 were accepted, however not all sites had the leaves removed last fall. Our expectation is to get the leaves at the remaining sites this spring.

Q6. Weed blocking is listed in the Scope of Work, is it required under this contract

A6. No, any reference to weed blocking is hereby deleted from this scope of work.

Q7. Can we get a copy of the schedule before bids are due?

A7. YES, see ATTACHMENT - A, sample 3 consecutive wks. of grass mowing schedules.

Q8. What is the height for grass cutting?

A8. Two inches (2”), except for girl’s field hockey fields, which should be 1.5”.

Q9. Is Leaf Removal at the schools limited to the Athletic fields and immediate grounds?

A9. Leaf removal shall encompass the entire property.

INFO ITEM: Newton North High School Line Item

Line Item #46 – The previous acreage was 10 acres. We have set this line item as a per square foot basis and will be adjusted during the contract term for the actual square footage upon completion of the fields.

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Re Cappoli'.

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Chief Procurement Officer

ATTACHMENT - A

SAMPLES

City of Newton - Parks & Recreation Grass Mowing Schedule - Week 6 August 3-8, 2009

MONDAY	LOCATION	DATE MOWED
	NSHS	
	Brown Middle School	
	Oak Hill Middle School	
	Weeks Field	
	New Cold Springs Must be done last on this day	
TUESDAY	LOCATION	
	Newton Centre Park/Mason Rice (MOW FIRST)	
	City Hall plus Comm Ave section (Walnut St. to 1151 Comm. Ave.)	
	Millenium Park	
	Newton Main Library	
	Burr School (Please mow on this day)	
	Bowen Park	
WEDNESDAY	LOCATION	
	Cabot Field	
	Solomon Schecter School	
	Newton Highlands	
	Warren Lincoln	
	Nahanton Park	
	Richardson Little League + PLAYGROUND AREA - \$100.03	
	Zervas School	
THURSDAY	LOCATION	
	Bigelow Middle School	
	Burr Park	
	Russ Halloran + Horace Mann	
	FA Day School + Cheesecake Brook	
	Farlow Park + Underwood School	
	Forte Park	
	Pellegrini Park	
FRIDAY	LOCATION	
	Franklin School	
	Carr School	
	Upper Falls Playground	
	Warren House	
	Lower Falls Community Center	
	Lyon's Cove/Auburndale Cove	
	West Newton Common	

**City of Newton - Parks & Recreation
Grass Mowing Schedule - Week 7
August 10-15, 2009**

MONDAY	LOCATION	DATE MOWED
	Brown Middle School	
	Oak Hill Middle School	
	Weeks Field	
	Memorial Spaulding School	
	Emerson Community Center	
	Countryside School	
	New Cold Springs Must be done last on this day	
TUESDAY	LOCATION	
	Newton Centre Park/Mason Rice (MOW FIRST)	
	City Hall plus Comm Ave section (Walnut St. to 1151 Comm. Ave.)	
	Millenium Park	
	Newton Main Library	
	Ed Center	
	Newton Highlands	
WEDNESDAY	LOCATION	
	Cabot Field	
	Bowen Park	
	Old Cold Springs	
	Nahanton Park	
	Angier School	
	Warren Lincoln	
	Pellegrini Park	
THURSDAY	LOCATION	
	Russ Halloran + Horace Mann	
	Lincoln Eliot/Boyd Park	
	Burr Park	
	Forte Park	
	Hunnewell Park	
	Lyon's Cove/Auburndale Cove	
FRIDAY	LOCATION	
	Warren House	
	Lower Falls Community Center	
	Peirce School	
	Williams School	
	Davis School	
	Ward School	

**City of Newton - Parks & Recreation
Grass Mowing Schedule - Week 8
August 12-19, 2009**

MONDAY	LOCATION	DATE MOWED
	NSHS	
	Brown Middle School	
	Oak Hill Middle School	
	Weeks Field	
	New Cold Springs Must be done last on this day	
TUESDAY	LOCATION	
	Newton Centre Park/Mason Rice (MOW FIRST)	
	City Hall plus Comm Ave section (Walnut St. to 1151 Comm. Ave.)	
	Millenium Park	
	Newton Main Library	
	Burr School (Please mow on this day)	
	Bowen Park	
WEDNESDAY	LOCATION	
	Cabot Field	
	Solomon Schechter School	
	Newton Highlands	
	Warren Lincoln Mow Field Hockey Field at 1.5"	
	Nahanton Park	
	Richardson Little League + PLAYGROUND AREA - \$100.03	
	Zervas School	
THURSDAY	LOCATION	
	Bigelow Middle School	
	Burr Park	
	Russ Halloran + Horace Mann	
	FA Day School + Cheesecake Brook	
	Farlow Park + Underwood School	
	Forte Park Mow Field Hockey Field at 1.5"	
FRIDAY	LOCATION	
	Franklin School	
	Carr School	
	Upper Falls Playground	
	Warren House	
	Lower Falls Community Center	
	Lyon's Cove/Auburndale Cove	
	West Newton Common	